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#### PELEPHONE RATE HEARING

Public Service Commission old a Hearing Relative to Telephone Rates in Butler Monday, July 25.

Monday morning the persons in rested received a notice from the ecretary of the public service com-dission advising them that on Monday, July 28, a representative of the commission would be in Butler and hold a hearing on several matters of interest to telephone users of Bates

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Some time ago the commission issued an order permitting the Butler and Rich Hill telephone exchange to put into effect certain rates and to charge a toll for the use of lines into Butler and Rich Hill. Mr. Maxey filed a motion on behalf of the Rural Telephone Association of Bates county, asking that the order as applied to that organization be modified. That motion will be heard at this meeting as will the question as to whether the company has complied with the terms of the commission and are entitled to a raise in rates. The question at Rich Hill is one of franchise. Rich Hill makes the claim that in exchange for its franchise the company agreed to give free service over all of the lines of the county.

The following is a copy of the notice:

The following is a copy of the no-BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. 1498r.

In the matter of suspension of rates of the Butler-Rich Hill Telephone Company at Butler, Missouri.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Butler-Rich Hill Tel. Co., Mr. F.
M. Campbell, Owner, Butler, Mo.
Mr. J. Fletcher Smith, City Attorness Butler, Mo.

ney, Butler, Mo.
Hon. Jas. A. DeArmond, Mayor,
Butler, Mo.
Hon. H. O. Maxey, Attorney, But-

ler, Mo.
Mr. W. O. Jackson, Butler, Mo.
Mr. Chas. E. Allen, Austin Inland
Tel. Co., Harrisonville, Mo.
Silvers & Silvers, Attorneys, But-

ier, Mo. Mr. N. B. Conrad, Attorney for Johnstown Mutual Telephone Co.,

Johnstown Mutual Telephone Co.,
Montrose, Mo.
Mr. F. A. Scholler, Manager Foster Follows Exchange, Foster, Mo.
Mr. Chas. Colonian, Eume, Mo.
Mr. J. A. Borland, Spruce, Mo.
Mr. Andy Morwood, Amsterdam.
Dr. J. H. Fletcher, Spruce, Mo.
Mr. J. O. App, Austin-Inland Telephone Co., Adrian.
Mr. H. E. Sheppard, City Attorney, Rich Hill, Mo.
Hon. Lee B. Ewing, Attorney, Nevada, Missouri.

vada, Missouri. To the Mayor of Adrian, Amoret, Amsterdam, Drexel, Foster, Hume, Johnstown, Merwin and Papins-

You, and each of you are hereby notified that the Public Service Com-mission of the State of Missouri, has set the above entitled cause for hearing, (1) on the Motion filed by the Rural Telephone Association of Supplemental Order No. 3, as amended by Supplemental Orders Nos. 4 and 5 and (2) on the complaint of the City of Rich Hill, Missouri, et al, before Special Examiner Lindsey on Monday, July 28, 1919, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the Court House in Butler, Mis-, souri, at which time and place you will be given an opportunity to be

heard.

It is hereby ordered that Jas. D.
Liadsay is named Special Examiner
for this Commission, he to do and
perform any acts, matters or things
which the Commission is authorized
to do by law with reference to hearing and conducting above case.

By the Commission,

K. R. Morrow,

Secretary.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, this the 19th day of July, 1919.

Chicago, Ill., July 17.—Ten thousand employes of the McCormick Reaper Works of the International Harvester Company are idle today as a result of the closing of the plant for an indefinite period, due to a strike, which began last Tuesday.

The men, although they have not resented their demands, are said to set \$1 an hour pay, a 44-hour week it a closed shop.

#### Drop Their War In

Last week's Hume Telephone pub-lished the following timely article on wheat dockage, under government

Any grain which, when free from dockage, contains more than 10 per centum of grain of a kind or kinds shall not be classed as wheat. The term "wheat" in these standards shall not include emmer, spelt, and

moved readily from the wheat by the use of appropriate sieves, cleaning devices, or other practical means suited to separate the foreign material present; also undeveloped shriveled and small pieces of wheat kernels removed in properly separating the foreign material, and which

tal weight of the grain including the dockage. The percentage of dockage se calculated, when equal to one per centum shall be stated, when less than one per centum shall not be stated. The percentage of dockage so determined and stated, shall be added to the grade designation.

a quantity equal to one or more bul-

or portions of balls of smut in excess of a quantity equal to two balls of average size in 50 grams of wheat. Mexicans Rob U. S. Sailors.

Washington, July 19.—A boat from the U. S. S. Cheyenne, occupied by enlisted men of the navy, was held up by armed men in the Tamesi River near Tampico, Mexico, on July 6 and the sailors were robbed.

The incident bears a resemblance to the celebrated Tampico incident of 1914 which resulted in the occupa-tion of Vera Cruz. Urgent repre-sentations to the Carranza government and the local authorities at

Tampico have gone forward.

Secretary Daniels sent the followisg telegram to Commander Finney of the Topeka:

"Wire fuller report and result of cannot be removed by properly residence of investigation of robbery of motor screening or recleaning. The quantisaling launch of U. S. S. Cheyenne, ty of dockage shall be calculated in terms of percentage based on the to-prehended?"

#### Sam W. Davis Resigns from the

Sam W. Davis, for the past four years editor of the Bates County Democrat and the Butler Daily Democrat, has severed his connection with those papers and will take a well carned rest. There are few betdetermined and stated, shall be added to the grade designation.

'Heat damaged kernels shall be kernels and pieces' of kernels of wheat which have been distinctly discolored by external heat or as result of heating caused by fermentation.

Garlicky wheat shall be all wheat which has an unmistakable odor of garlic of wild onions, or which contains garlic or wild onion bullets in a quantity equal to one or more bullhome in any department of the mod-ern newspaper plant. While his ern newspaper plant. While his place is at the editorial desk, he can, Smutty wheat shall be all wheat place is at the editorial desk, he can, which has an unmistakable odor of smut, or which contains spores, balls and place at the case and help the his place at the case and help the out of a tight place. During his residence in this city he has made many friends who hope that whether or not he retires from the newspaper game he will continue to call Butler his

#### Taboo the Home Brewery.

Chicago, July 21.—"Brew your own" outfits, on sale in Chicago, are

This edict was pronounced by E. J. Davis, superintendent of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League, after he nad viewed a window display in which bottler, brewer and material, guar-anteed to produce a "kick" of at least

the sale of material with which to make beer or near-beer.

#### Got \$16,000 in Bank Holdup.

Chetopa, Kas., July 19.—Five bandits, traveling in a Cadillac motor car, robbed the State Bank of Bartlett, eight miles west of here of \$8,000 to \$12,000 in Liberty bonds and \$4,000 in cash shortly before noon today after locking Frank Stephens. assistant cashier, and a woman em-

ployee in the vault.

Shortly before noon a big motor car stopped in front of the bank.

Four men got out and looted the bank, after locking the two employ-

ees in the vault. A woman who started to enter the bank during the holdup hurried down the street and met Fred Dilton, cashier, who was just returning from lunch. Dilton secured a shotgun and started for the bank. The bandits, coming out, saw him, and while one of them pointed his gun at Dilton, the others got into the car. The bandit holding Dilton at bay then jumped in and the car raced southwest toward Centralia.

#### President Signs \$2.30 a Bushel Wheat Bill.

Washington, July 16.-President Wilson today signed an executive order increasing the guaranteed price of the 1919 wheat crop to \$2.30 per bushel at Galveston and New Orleans.

At the same time a presidential proclamation was issued declaring States against undue enhancement of its liabilities" under the law guaranteeing wheat prices, that on and af-"The law is very plain on that point," said Davis, referring to the new Illinois Search and Seizure Bill rom the United States except under preservised limitations to be fixed by which bars private brewing outfits or prescribed limitations to be fixed by Wheat Administrator Julius Barnes.

### BLAZING BALLOON THROUGH BANK ROOF

Eleven Lives Lost When Blazing Air Craft Drops Through Roof of Chicago Financial Institution.

Chicago, July 21.—Eleven were killed and twenty-seven injured some of whom may die, when a gigantic dirigible, on its test flight, caught fire and fell five hundred feet, crashing through the glass roof of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank short-ly before 5 o'clock this afternoon. Most of the dead were employees

of the bank, trapped and burned to death in a withering rain of fire caused by the explosion of the balloon's gasoline tanks as they hit the floor of the rotunda of the bank where over two hundred bookkeepers and clerks, nearly all girls, were

working.

The "blimp" owned by the Good-year Tire & Rubber Company, of Akron, O., had been flying in the sky above the loop for several hours when the accident occurred. Thousands witnessed it.

The dead: James Carpenter, 16 years old, bank messenger, Illinois Trust & Savings Bank.

Earl Davenport, White City representative, former sporting writer.

Marie Florence, bank employee. Irene Miles, bank stenographer. Evelyn Meyer, bank stenographer. Carl Otto, bank telegrapher.

Henry Weaver, blimp mechanic. Joseph Scanlan, 14 years old, bank nessenger.

Edward Munzer, bank correspond-

Two unidentified women.

When approximately 500 feet above the bank, a sport of flame was seen to shoot from the top of the gas bag near the center of the aircraft. The crowds gathered on the streets to watch the flight saw the great machine buckle and quiver as it started on its fatal plunge.

Four of its five occupants jumped and two of these landed safely in the streets as the "blimp," a veritable ball of flame, struck the roof of the bank with a crash audible throughout the loop district.

There was nothing to warn the hundreds of employees of the institution of the coming tragedy. A shadow passed over the marble rotunda where 150 were busy and a terrifying crash followed.

It seemed, according to the surviv-ors, that the entire bank was on fire. Breaking through the iron supports holding the glass overhead, the fusi-lage of the "blimp" with two heavy rotary engines and several gasoline tanks smashed to the floor.

Instantly the tanks exploded, scattering a wave of flaming gasoline over the workers for a radius of fifty feet. A panic ensued. There were only two exits through which they could leave the wire cage which sur-

counded the rotunda. Men and girls, with clothing flaming, fought their way through the exits. Girls on the second floor ran screaming to the windows and several jumped to the street below.

Stories of the crash were myriad. Yet practically all agreed. That of Miss Harriet Messinger, the telephone operator, who sat tending her switchboard on the balcony above the rotunda was typical.

"There was a shadow, and I looked up to the roof. Instantly a crash sent the glass flying on the heads of those below the glass roof.

"The girls hesitated, many of them stunned by glass or too frightened to run. Then the huge machine came through. It seemed to fill the bank with flames that searched out every corner. The heavy part, with its enexploded. I ran then to a window and called

for help. I started to jump, but no one made a move to catch me, so I ran to the street safely."

#### Mail Across U. S. in 36 Hours?

Washington, July 20.-Within one year, airplanes flying on daily schetule, will shoot United States mail from New York to San Francisco in thirty-six hours, Otto Praeger an-

nounced today.

The record time from New York to San Francisco delivery now is nearly five days.

Preager, head of the airplane mail system, now connecting Washington, New York, Cleveland and Chicago, also said government plans are being prepared by which airplanes will carry all but approximately 30 per cent of the millions of pounds of mail now handled by the railroad.

Within ten years the Nation's entire mail carrying system will be completely airplanized," said Praeger. "Airplanes will be used almost exclusively in collecting and carrying mail from every big city of the coun-Preager, head of the airplane mail

mail from every big city of the country. Railways will carry only local mails over short distances."

#### President May Meet Pacific Fleet at San Francisco.

## July Clearing Sale



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